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Novel polynucleotides and the proteins encoded thereby are disclosed.

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DNA SEQUENCES AND SECRETED PROTEINS ENCODED THEREBY

This application claims priority from application Ser. No. 08/514,014, filed on August 11, 1995, which was converted to provisional application Ser. No. 60/_____ on July 19, 1996.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides novel polynucleotides and proteins encoded by such polynucleotides, along with therapeutic, diagnostic and research utilities for these polynucleotides and proteins.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Technology aimed at the discovery of protein factors (including e.g., cytokines, such as lymphokines, interferons, CSFs and interleukins) has matured rapidly over the past decade. The now routine hybridization cloning and expression cloning techniques clone novel polynucleotides "directly" in the sense that they rely on information directly related to the discovered factor (i.e., partial DNA/amino acid sequence of the factor in the case of hybridization cloning; activity of the factor in the case of expression cloning). More recent "indirect" cloning techniques such as signal sequence cloning, which isolates DNA sequences based on the presence of a now well-recognized secretory leader sequence motif, as well as various PCR-based or low stringency hybridization cloning techniques, have advanced the state of the art by making available large numbers of DNA/amino acid sequences for factors that are known to have biological activity by virtue of their secreted nature in the case of leader sequence cloning, or by virtue of the cell or tissue source in the case of PCR-based techniques. It is to these factors and the polynucleotides encoding them that the present invention is directed.

SUMMARY

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 38 to nucleotide 1447;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:1; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nucleotide 52 to nucleotide 2034;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:4; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 from nucleotide 76 to nucleotide 474;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:5; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 from nucleotide 67 to nucleotide 348;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:7; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 from nucleotide 75 to nucleotide 356;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:9; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:11 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:11 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:11; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

In certain preferred embodiments, the polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence. The invention also provides a host cell, including bacterial, yeast, insect and mammalian cells, transformed with such polynucleotide compositions.

Processes are also provided for producing a protein, which comprise:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell transformed with such polynucleotide compositions in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture.

The protein produced according to such methods is also provided by the present invention.

Compositions comprising a protein biological activity are also disclosed. In preferred embodiments the protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

(d) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

(e) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;

(f) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;

(g) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;

(h) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;

(i) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12; and

(j) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

Such compositions may further comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Compositions comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with such protein are also provided by the present invention.

Methods are also provided for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a protein of the present invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

Fig. 1 is an autoradiograph evidencing the expression of clone J5 in COS cells (indicated by arrows). J5 is processed into multiple bands, with the major band at approximately 58 kD.

Fig. 2 is an autoradiograph evidencing the expression of clone L105 in COS cells (indicated by arrows).

Fig. 3 is an autoradiograph evidencing the expression of clone H174 in COS cells (indicated by arrows).

Fig. 4 is an autoradiograph evidencing the expression of clone B18 in COS cells (indicated by arrows).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

ISOLATED PROTEINS AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES

The sequence of a polynucleotide encoding one protein of the present invention is set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, with the coding region extending from nucleotides 38 to 1447. This polynucleotide has been identified as "clone J5" The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by clone J5 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. Clone J5 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on August 11, 1995 and given the accession number ATCC 69885. SEQ ID NO:1 represents a spliced combination of sequence obtained from an isolated clone identified as "J5_3_fl", with additional 5' sequence obtained from a second double stranded clone. Clone J5 was isolated from a human activated peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) library using a trap which selects for nucleotides encoding secreted proteins; therefore, clone J5 does encode a secreted factor. J5 encodes a novel protein; BLASTN/BLASTX or FASTA searches revealed no exact sequence matches. However, a BLASTX search revealed homology between the J5 protein (in the approximate region of amino acids 62-129 of SEQ ID NO:2), epididymal apical proteins (including without limitation, epididymal apical protein I-precursor (*Macaca fascicularis*) (accession X66139)) and several snake venom haemorrhagic peptides (disintegrins) (including without limitation those assigned accession U01235-1237, X68251, and M89784). Analysis of the full-length J5 sequences revealed that the disintegrin domain was incomplete and that this clone did not contain an EGF-domain, as with some of the other disintegrin family members. J5 does contain a conserved metallo-proteinase domain. Based upon these homologies, J5 and these homologous proteins are expected to share at least some activities.

The sequence of a polynucleotide encoding another protein of the present invention is set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, with the coding region extending from nucleotides 52 to 2034. This polynucleotide has been identified as "clone J422" The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by clone J422 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:4. Clone J422 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on August 11, 1995 and given the accession number ATCC 69884. SEQ ID NO:3 represents a spliced combination of sequence obtained from an isolated cl ne

identified as "J422_fl", with additional 5' sequence obtained from a second double stranded clone. Clone J422 was isolated from a human activated peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) library using a trap which selects for nucleotides encoding secreted proteins; therefore, clone J422 does encode a secreted factor. J422 encodes a novel protein; BLASTN/BLASTX or FASTA searches revealed no exact sequence matches. However, a FASTA search revealed homology between the J422 protein (in the approximate region of amino acids 34-156 of SEQ ID NO:4) and a number of *Drosophila* leucine-rich repeat (LRR) proteins. Analysis of the full-length J422 sequences revealed that the conserved EGF-domain found in a number of LRR family members was not present in J422. Based upon these homologies, J422 and these homologous proteins are expected to share at least some activities.

The sequence of a polynucleotide encoding another protein of the present invention is set forth in SEQ ID NO:5, with the coding region extending from nucleotides 76 to 474. This polynucleotide has been identified as "clone L105" The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by clone L105 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:6. Clone L105 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on August 11, 1995 and given the accession number ATCC 69883. Clone L105 was isolated from a murine adult thymus library using a trap which selects for nucleotides encoding secreted proteins; therefore, clone L105 does encode a secreted factor. L105 encodes a novel protein; BLASTN/BLASTX or FASTA searches revealed no exact sequence matches. However, a BLASTX search revealed homology between the L105 protein (particularly in the approximate region of amino acids 73-91 of SEQ ID NO:6), various monocyte and other chemoattractant proteins (including without limitation those assigned accession M577441, X71087, X72308, X14768 and M24545) and a chicken (*Gallus gallus*) cytokine (accession L34553). Based upon these homologies, L105 and these homologous proteins are expected to share at least some activities.

The sequence of polynucleotides encoding another protein of the present invention is set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 and SEQ ID NO:9, with the coding regions extending from nucleotides 67 to 348 and nucleotides 75 to 356, respectively. These polynucleotides have been identified as "clone H174-10" and "clone H174-43", respectively (collectively referred to herein as "H174"). The amino acid sequence of

the protein encoded by clones H174 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 and SEQ ID NO:10. Clone H174 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on August 11, 1995 and given the accession number ATCC 69882. Clones H174 were isolated from a human activated peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) library using a trap which selects for nucleotides encoding secreted proteins; therefore, H174 does encode a secreted factor. H174 encodes a novel protein; BLASTN/BLASTX or FASTA searches revealed no exact sequence matches. However, a BLASTX search revealed homology between the H174 protein, human IP-10 (accession M33266) and murine CRG-2 (accession M86820) (species homologs). Based upon these homologies, H174 and these homologous proteins are expected to share at least some activities.

The sequence of a polynucleotide encoding another protein of the present invention is set forth in SEQ ID NO:11, with the coding region extending from nucleotides 86 to 544. This polynucleotide has been identified as "B18" The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by clone B18 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:12. Clone B18 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on July 6, 1995 and assigned accession number ATCC 69868. Clone B18 was isolated from a human activated peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) library using a trap which selects for nucleotides encoding secreted proteins; therefore, clone B18 does encode a secreted factor. B18 encodes a novel protein; BLASTN/BLASTX or FASTA searches revealed no exact sequence matches. However, a BLASTX search revealed that the region from amino acid 29 to amino acid 163 of B18 (SEQ ID NO:12) shows marked homology to portions of murine CTLA-8 (amino acids 18 to 150, accession L13839) and herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13 ("herpes CTLA-8") (amino acids 19 to 151, accession X64346). Based upon these homologies, B18 is believed to be the human homolog of murine and herpes CTLA-8 (i.e., "human CTLA-8"). B18 may demonstrate proinflammatory activity, particularly in development of T-cell dependent immune responses. B18 is also expected to possess other activities specified herein.

Clones J5, L105, H174 and B18 were each transfected into COS cells labelled with ^{35}S-methionine and protein was expressed. Autoradiographs evidencing expression of the proteins in conditioned media are presented in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4,

respectively. The bands of protein expressed from the relevant clone are indicated by arrows.

Polynucleotides hybridizing to the polynucleotides of the present invention under stringent conditions and highly stringent conditions are also part of the present invention. As used herein, "highly stringent conditions" include, for example, at least about 0.2xSSC at 65°C; and "stringent conditions" include. for example, at least about 4xSSC at 65°C or at least about 50% formamide, 4xSSC at 42°C. Allelic variants of the polynucleotides of the present invention are also encompassed by the invention.

Fragments of the proteins of the present invention which are capable of exhibiting biological activity are also encompassed by the present invention. Fragments of the protein may be in linear form or they may be cyclized using known methods, for example, as described in H.U. Saragovi, *et al.*, Bio/Technology 10, 773-778 (1992) and in R.S. McDowell, *et al.*, J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 114, 9245-9253 (1992), both of which are incorporated herein by reference. Such fragments may be fused to carrier molecules such as immunoglobulins for many purposes, including increasing the valency of protein binding sites. For example, fragments of the protein may be fused through "linker" sequences to the Fc portion of an immunoglobulin. For a bivalent form of the protein, such a fusion could be to the Fc portion of an IgG molecule. Other immunoglobulin isotypes may also be used to generate such fusions. For example, a protein - IgM fusion would generate a decavalent form of the protein of the invention.

The isolated polynucleotide of the invention may be operably linked to an expression control sequence such as the pMT2 or pED expression vectors disclosed in Kaufman *et al.*, Nucleic Acids Res. 19, 4485-4490 (1991), in order to produce the protein recombinantly. Many suitable expression control sequences are known in the art. General methods of expressing recombinant proteins are also known and are exemplified in R. Kaufman, Methods in Enzymology 185, 537-566 (1990). As defined herein "operably linked" means that the isolated polynucleotide of the invention and an expression control sequence are situated within a vector or cell in such a way that the protein is expressed by a host cell which has been transformed (transfected) with the ligated polynucleotide/expression control sequence.

A number of types of cells may act as suitable host cells for expression of the protein. Mammalian host cells include, for example, monkey COS cells, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells, human kidney 293 cells, human epidermal A431 cells, human Colo205 cells, 3T3 cells, CV-1 cells, other transformed primate cell lines, normal diploid cells, cell strains derived from in vitro culture of primary tissue, primary explants, HeLa cells, mouse L cells, BHK, HL-60, U937, HaK or Jurkat cells.

Alternatively, it may be possible to produce the protein in lower eukaryotes such as yeast or in prokaryotes such as bacteria. Potentially suitable yeast strains include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Kluyveromyces* strains, *Candida*, or any yeast strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins. Potentially suitable bacterial strains include *Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis, Salmonella typhimurium*, or any bacterial strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins. If the protein is made in yeast or bacteria, it may be necessary to modify the protein produced therein, for example by phosphorylation or glycosylation of the appropriate sites, in order to obtain the functional protein. Such covalent attachments may be accomplished using known chemical or enzymatic methods.

The protein may also be produced by operably linking the isolated polynucleotide of the invention to suitable control sequences in one or more insect expression vectors, and employing an insect expression system. Materials and methods for baculovirus/insect cell expression systems are commercially available in kit form from, *e.g.*, Invitrogen, San Diego, California, U.S.A. (the MaxBac® kit), and such methods are well known in the art, as described in Summers and Smith, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1555 (1987), incorporated herein by reference. As used herein, an insect cell capable of expressing a polynucleotide of the present invention is "transformed."

The protein of the invention may be prepared by culturing transformed host cells under culture conditions suitable to express the recombinant protein. The resulting expressed protein may then be purified from such culture (i.e., from culture medium or cell extracts) using known purification processes, such as gel filtration and ion exchange chromatography. The purification of the protein may also include an affinity column containing agents which will bind to the protein; one or more column steps over such affinity resins as concanavalin A-agarose, heparin-toyopearl® or

Cibacrom blue 3GA Sepharose®; one or more steps involving hydrophobic interaction chromatography using such resins as phenyl ether, butyl ether, or propyl ether; or immunoaffinity chromatography.

Alternatively, the protein of the invention may also be expressed in a form which will facilitate purification. For example, it may be expressed as a fusion protein, such as those of maltose binding protein (MBP), glutathione-S-transferase (GST) or thioredoxin (TRX). Kits for expression and purification of such fusion proteins are commercially available from New England BioLab (Beverly, MA), Pharmacia (Piscataway, NJ) and InVitrogen, respectively. The protein can also be tagged with an epitope and subsequently purified by using a specific antibody directed to such epitope. One such epitope ("Flag") is commercially available from Kodak (New Haven, CT).

Finally, one or more reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) steps employing hydrophobic RP-HPLC media, e.g., silica gel having pendant methyl or other aliphatic groups, can be employed to further purify the protein. Some or all of the foregoing purification steps, in various combinations, can also be employed to provide a substantially homogeneous isolated recombinant protein. The protein thus purified is substantially free of other mammalian proteins and is defined in accordance with the present invention as an "isolated protein."

The protein of the invention may also be expressed as a product of transgenic animals, e.g., as a component of the milk of transgenic cows, goats, pigs, or sheep which are characterized by somatic or germ cells containing a nucleotide sequence encoding the protein.

The protein may also be produced by known conventional chemical synthesis. Methods for constructing the proteins of the present invention by synthetic means are known to those skilled in the art. The synthetically-constructed protein sequences, by virtue of sharing primary, secondary or tertiary structural and/or conformational characteristics with proteins may possess biological properties in common therewith, including protein activity. Thus, they may be employed as biologically active or immunological substitutes for natural, purified proteins in screening of therapeutic compounds and in immunological processes for the development of antibodies.

The proteins provided herein also include proteins characterized by amino acid sequences similar to those of purified proteins but into which modification are naturally provided or deliberately engineered. For example, modifications in the peptide or DNA sequences can be made by those skilled in the art using known techniques. Modifications of interest in the protein sequences may include the replacement, insertion or deletion of a selected amino acid residue in the coding sequence. For example, one or more of the cysteine residues may be deleted or replaced with another amino acid to alter the conformation of the molecule. Mutagenic techniques for such replacement, insertion or deletion are well known to those skilled in the art (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,518,584).

Other fragments and derivatives of the sequences of proteins which would be expected to retain protein activity in whole or in part and may thus be useful for screening or other immunological methodologies may also be easily made by those skilled in the art given the disclosures herein. Such modifications are believed to be encompassed by the present invention.

USES AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

The polynucleotides of the present invention and the proteins encoded thereby are expected to exhibit one or more of the uses or biological activities (including those associated with assays cited herein) identified below. Uses or activities described for proteins of the present invention may be provided by administration or use of such proteins or by administration or use of polynucleotides encoding such proteins (such as, for example, in gene therapies or vectors suitable for introduction of DNA).

RESEARCH TOOL UTILITY

The polynucleotides provided by the present invention can be used by the research community for various purposes. The polynucleotides can be used to express recombinant protein for analysis, characterization or therapeutic use; as markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in disease states); as molecular weight markers on Southern gels; as chromosome markers (when labeled) to map related gene positions; to compare with endogenous

DNA sequences in patients to identify potential genetic disorders; as probes to hybridize and thus discover novel, related DNA sequences: as a source of information to derive PCR primers for genetic fingerprinting; as a probe to "subtract-out" known sequences in the process of discovering other novel polynucleotides; to raise anti-protein antibodies using DNA immunization techniques: and as an antigen to raise anti-DNA antibodies or elicit another immune response. Where the polynucleotide encodes a protein which binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the polynucleotide can also be used in interaction trap assays (such as, for example, that described in Gyuris et al., Cell 75:791-803 (1993)) to identify polynucleotides encoding the other protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction.

The proteins provided by the present invention can similarly be used to raise antibodies or to elicit another immune response; as a reagent (including the labelled reagent) in assays designed to quantitatively determine levels of the protein (or its receptor) in biological fluids; as markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in a disease state); and, of course, to isolate correlative receptors or ligands. Where the protein binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the protein can be used to identify the other protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction. Proteins involved in these binding interactions can also be used to screen for peptide or small molecule inhibitors or agonists of the binding interaction.

Any or all of these "research tool" utilities are capable of being developed into reagent grade or kit format for commercialization as "research products."

CYTOKINE AND CELL PROLIFERATION/DIFFERENTIATION ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may exhibit cytokine, cell proliferation (either inducing or inhibiting) or cell differentiation (either inducing or inhibiting) activity or may induce production of other cytokines in certain cell populations. Many protein factors discovered t date, including all known cytokines, have exhibited

activity in one or more factor dependent cell proliferation assays, and hence the assays serve as a convenient confirmation of cytokine activity. The activity of a protein of the present invention is evidenced by any one of a number of routine factor dependent cell proliferation assays for cell lines including, without limitation, 32D, DA2, DA1G, T10, B9, B9/11, BaF3, MC9/G, M+ (preB M+), 2E8, RB5, DA1, 123, T1165, HT2, CTLL2, TF-1, Mo7e and CMK.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for T-cell or thymocyte proliferation include without limitation those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 145:1706-1712, 1990; Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341, 1991; Bertagnolli, et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992; Bowman et al., J. Immunol. 152: 1756-1761, 1994.

Assays for cytokine production and/or proliferation of spleen cells, lymph node cells or thymocytes include, without limitation, those described in: Polyclonal T cell stimulation, Kruisbeek, A.M. and Shevach, E.M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.12.1-3.12.14, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994; and Measurement of mouse and human Interferon γ, Schreiber, R.D. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.8.1-6.8.8, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

Assays for proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic and lymphopoietic cells include, without limitation, those described in: Measurement of Human and Murine Interleukin 2 and Interleukin 4, Bottomly, K., Davis, L.S. and Lipsky, P.E. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.3.1-6.3.12, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; deVries et al., J. Exp. Med. 173:1205-1211, 1991; Moreau et al., Nature 336:690-692, 1988; Greenberger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 80:2931-2938, 1983; Measurement of mouse and human interleukin 6 - Nordan, R. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.6.1-6.6.5, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; Smith et al., Proc. Natl.

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Assays for T-cell clone responses to antigens (which will identify, among others, proteins that affect APC-T cell interactions as well as direct T-cell effects by measuring proliferation and cytokine production) include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober
Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function; Chapter 6, Cytokines and their cellular receptors; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Weinberger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:6091-6095, 1980; Weinberger et al., Eur. J. Immun. 11:405-411, 1981; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988.

IMMUNE STIMULATING/SUPPRESSING ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may also exhibit immune stimulating or immune suppressing activity, including without limitation the activities for which assays are described herein. A protein may be useful in the treatment of various immune deficiencies and disorders (including severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)), e.g., in regulating (up or down) growth and proliferation of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as effecting the cytolytic activity of NK cells and other cell populations. These immune deficiencies may be genetic or be caused by viral (e.g., HIV) as well as bacterial or fungal infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases causes by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using a protein of the present invention, including infections by HIV, hepatitis viruses, herpes viruses, mycobacteria, leshmania, malaria and various fungal infections such as candida. Of course, in this regard, a protein of

the present invention may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally would be indicated, i.e., in the treatment of cancer.

Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using a protein of the present invention include, for example, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitis, myasthenia gravis, graft-versus-host disease and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. Such a protein of the present invention may also to be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma or other respiratory problems. Other conditions, in which immune suppression is desired (including, for example, asthma and related respriatory conditions), may also be treatable using a protein of the present invention.

A protein of the present invention may also suppress chronic or acute inflammation, such as, for example, that associated with infection (such as septic shock or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or resulting from over production of cytokines such as TNF or IL-1 (such as the effect demonstrated by IL-11).

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for thymocyte or splenocyte cytotoxicity include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-2492, 1981; Herrmann et al., J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974, 1982; Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572, 1985; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-2492, 1981; Herrmann et al., J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974, 1982; Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572, 1985; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Bowmanet al., J. Virology 61:1992-1998; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341, 1991; Brown et al., J. Immunol. 153:3079-3092, 1994.

Assays for T-cell-dependent immunoglobulin responses and isotype switching (which will identify, among others, proteins that modulate T-cell dependent antibody responses and that affect Th1/Th2 profiles) include, without limitation, those described in: Maliszewski, J. Immunol. 144:3028-3033, 1990; and Assays for B cell function: *In vitro* antibody production, Mond, J.J. and Brunswick, M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.8.1-3.8.16, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

Mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR) assays (which will identify, among others, proteins that generate predominantly Th1 and CTL responses) include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al.; J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992.

Dendritic cell-dependent assays (which will identify, among others, proteins expressed by denritic cells that activate naive T-cells) include, without limitation, those described in: Guery et al., J. Immunol. 134:536-544, 1995; Inaba et al., Journal of Experimenal Medicine 173:549-559, 1991; Macatonia et al., Journal of Immunology 154:5071-5079, 1995; Porgador et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 182:255-260, 1995; Nair et al., Journal of Virology 67:4062-4069, 1993; Huang et al., Science 264:961-965, 1994; Macatonia et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 169:1255-1264, 1989; Bhardwaj et al., Journal of Clinical Investigation 94:797-807, 1994; and Inaba et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 172:631-640, 1990.

Assays for lymphocyte survival/apoptosis (which will identify, among others, proteins that prevent apoptosis after superantigen induction and proteins that regulate lymphocyte homeostasis) include, without limitation, those described in: Darzynkiewicz et al., Cytometry 13:795-808, 1992; Gorczyca et al., Leukemia 7:659-670, 1993; Gorczyca et al., Cancer Research 53:1945-1951, 1993; Itoh et al., Cell 66:233-243, 1991; Zacharchuk, Journal of Immunology 145:4037-4045, 1990; Zamai et al., Cytometry 14:891-897, 1993; Gorczyca et al., International Journal of Oncology 1:639-648, 1992.

Assays for proteins that influence early steps of T-cell commitment and development include, without limitation, those described in: Antica et al., Blood 84:111-117, 1994; Fine et al., Cellular Immunology 155:111-122, 1994; Galy et al., Blood 85:2770-2778, 1995; Toki et al., Proc. Nat. Acad Sci. USA 88:7548-7551, 1991.

HEMATOPOIESIS REGULATING ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may be useful in regulation of hematopoiesis and, consequently, in the treatment of myeloid or lymphoid cell deficiencies. Even marginal biological activity in support of colony forming cells or of factor-dependent cell lines indicates involvement in regulating hematopoiesis. e.g. in supporting the growth and proliferation of erythroid progenitor cells alone or in combination with other cytokines, thereby indicating utility, for example, in treating various anemias or for use in conjunction with irradiation/chemotherapy to stimulate the production of erythroid precursors and/or erythroid cells; in supporting the growth and proliferation of myeloid cells such as granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages (i.e., traditional CSF activity) useful, for example, in conjunction with chemotherapy to prevent or treat consequent myelo-suppression; in supporting the growth and proliferation of megakaryocytes and consequently of platelets thereby allowing prevention or treatment of various platelet disorders such as thrombocytopenia, and generally for use in place of or complimentarily to platelet transfusions; and/or in supporting the growth and proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells which are capable of maturing to any and all of the above-mentioned hematopoietic cells and therefore find therapeutic utility in various stem cell disorders (such as those usually treated with transplantation, including, without limitation, aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), as well as in repopulating the stem cell compartment post irradiation/chemotherapy, either *in-vivo* or *ex-vivo* (i.e. in conjunction with bone marrow transplantation) as normal cells or genetically manipulated for gene therapy.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for proliferation and differentiation of various hematopoietic lines are cited above.

Assays for embryonic stem cell differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that influence embyronic differentation hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Johansson et al. Cellular Biology 15:141-151, 1995; Keller et al., Molecular and Cellular Biology 13:473-486, 1993; McClanahan et al., Blood 81:2903-2915, 1993.

Assays for stem cell survival and differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that regulate lympho-hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Methylcellulose colony forming assays, Freshney, M.G. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, *et al.* eds. Vol pp. 265-268, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Hirayama et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89:5907-5911, 1992; Primitive hematopoietic colony forming cells with high proliferative potential, McNiece, I.K. and Briddell, R.A. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, *et al.* eds. Vol pp. 23-39, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Neben et al., Experimental Hematology 22:353-359, 1994; Cobblestone area forming cell assay, Ploemacher, R.E. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, *et al.* eds. Vol pp. 1-21, Wiley-Liss, Inc.., New York, NY. 1994; Long term bone marrow cultures in the presence of stromal cells, Spooncer, E., Dexter, M. and Allen, T. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, *et al.* eds. Vol pp. 163-179, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Long term culture initating cell assay, Sutherland, H.J. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, *et al.* eds. Vol pp. 139-162, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994.

TISSUE GENERATION/REGENERATION ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention also may have utility in compositions used for bone, cartilage, tendon, ligament and/or nerve tissue growth or regeneration, as well as for wound healing and tissue repair, and in the treatment of burns, incisions and ulcers.

A protein of the present invention, which induces cartilage and/or bone growth in circumstances where bone is not normally formed, has application in the healing of bone fractures and cartilage damage or defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a protein of the invention may have prophylactic use in closed as well as open fracture reduction and also in the improved fixation of artificial joints.

De novo bone formation induced by an osteogenic agent contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or oncologic resection induced craniofacial defects, and also is useful in cosmetic plastic surgery.

A protein of this invention may also be used in the treatment of periodontal disease, and in other tooth repair processes. Such agents may provide an environment to attract bone-forming cells, stimulate growth of bone-forming cells or induce differentiation of progenitors of bone-forming cells. A protein of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of osteoporosis or osteoarthritis, such as through stimulation of bone and/or cartilage repair or by blocking inflammation or processes of tissue destruction (collagenase activity, osteoclast activity, etc.) mediated by inflammatory processes.

Another category of tissue regeneration activity that may be attributable to the protein of the present invention is tendon/ligament formation. A protein of the present invention, which induces tendon/ligament-like tissue or other tissue formation in circumstances where such tissue is not normally formed, has application in the healing of tendon or ligament tears, deformities and other tendon or ligament defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a tendon/ligament-like tissue inducing protein may have prophylactic use in preventing damage to tendon or ligament tissue, as well as use in the improved fixation of tendon or ligament to bone or other tissues, and in repairing defects to tendon or ligament tissue. De novo tendon/ligament-like tissue formation induced by a composition of the present invention contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or other tendon or ligament defects of other origin, and is also useful in cosmetic plastic surgery for attachment or repair of tendons or ligaments. The compositions of the present invention may provide an environment to attract tendon- or ligament-forming cells, stimulate growth of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, induce differentiation of progenitors of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, or induce growth of tendon/ligament cells or progenitors *ex vivo* for return *in vivo* to effect tissue repair. The compositions of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and other tendon or ligament defects. The compositions may also include an appropriate matrix and/or sequestering agent as a carrier as is well known in the art.

The protein of the present invention may also be useful for proliferation of neural cells and for regeneration of nerve and brain tissue, *i.e.* for the treatment of central and peripheral nervous system diseases and neuropathies, as well as mechanical and traumatic disorders, which involve degeneration, death or trauma to neural cells or nerve tissue. More specifically, a protein may be used in the treatment of diseases of the peripheral nervous system, such as peripheral nerve injuries, peripheral neuropathy and localized neuropathies, and central nervous system diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Shy-Drager syndrome. Further conditions which may be treated in accordance with the present invention include mechanical and traumatic disorders, such as spinal cord disorders, head trauma and cerebrovascular diseases such as stroke. Peripheral neuropathies resulting from chemotherapy or other medical therapies may also be treatable using a protein of the invention.

It is expected that a protein of the present invention may also exhibit activity for generation of other tissues, such as organs (including, for example, pancreas, liver, intestine, kidney, skin, endothelium), muscle (smooth, skeletal or cardiac) and vascular (including vascular endothelium) tissue, or for promoting the growth of cells comprising such tissues. Part of the desired effects may be by inhibition of fibrotic scarring to allow normal tissue to regenerate.

A protein of the present invention may also be useful for gut protection or regeneration and treatment of lung or liver fibrosis, reperfusion injury in various tissues, and conditions resulting from systemic cytokine damage.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for tissue generation activity include, without limitation, those described in: International Patent Publication No. WO95/16035 (bone, cartilage, tendon); International Patent Publication No. WO95/05846 (nerve, neuronal); International Patent Publication No. WO91/07491 (skin, endothelium).

ACTIVIN/INHIBIN ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may also exhbit activin- or inhibin-related activities. Inhibins are characterized by their ability to inhibit the release f follicle

stimulating hormone (FSH), while activins and are characterized by their ability to stimulate the release of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH). Thus, a protein of the present invention, alone or in heterodimers with a member of the inhibin α family, may be useful as a contraceptive based on the ability of inhibins to decrease fertility in female mammals and decrease spermatogenesis in male mammals. Administration of sufficient amounts of other inhibins can induce infertility in these mammals. Alternatively, the protein of the invention, as a homodimer or as a heterodimer with other protein subunits of the inhibin-β group, may be useful as a fertility inducing therapeutic, based upon the ability of activin molecules in stimulating FSH release from cells of the anterior pituitary. See, for example, United States Patent 4,798,885. A protein of the invention may also be useful for advancement of the onset of fertility in sexually immature mammals, so as to increase the lifetime reproductive performance of domestic animals such as cows, sheep and pigs.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for activin/inhibin activity include, without limitation, those described in: Vale et al., Endocrinology 91:562-572, 1972; Ling et al., Nature 321:779-782, 1986; Vale et al., Nature 321:776-779, 1986; Mason et al., Nature 318:659-663, 1985; Forage et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83:3091-3095, 1986.

CHEMOTACTIC/CHEMOKINETIC ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may have chemotactic or chemokinetic activity (e.g., act as a chemokine) for mammalian cells, including, for example, monocytes, neutrophils, T-cells, mast cells, eosinophils and/or endothelial cells. Chemotactic and chemokinetic proteins can be used to mobilized or attract a desired cell population to a desired site of action. Chemotactic or chemokinetic proteins provide particular advantages in treatment of wounds and other trauma to tissues, as well as in treatment of localized infections. For example, attraction of lymphocytes, monocytes or neutrophils to tumors or sites of infection may result in improved immune responses against the tumor or infecting agent.

A protein or peptide has chemotactic activity for a particular cell population if it can stimulate, directly or indirectly, the directed orientation or m vement of such

cell population. Preferably, the protein or peptide has the ability to directly stimulate directed movement of cells. Whether a particular protein has chemotactic activity for a population of cells can be readily determined by employing such protein or peptide in any known assay for cell chemotaxis.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for chemotactic activity (which will identify proteins that induce or prevent chemotaxis) consist of assays that measure the ability of a protein to induce the migration of cells across a membrane as well as the ability of a protein to induce the adhesion of one cell population to another cell population. Suitable assays for movement and adhesion include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J.E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W.Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 6.12, Measurement of alpha and beta Chemokines 6.12.1-6.12.28; Taub et al. J. Clin. Invest. 95:1370-1376, 1995; Lind et al. APMIS 103:140-146, 1995; Muller et al Eur. J. Immunol. 25: 1744-1748; Gruber et al. J. of Immunol. 152:5860-5867, 1994; Johnston et al. J. of Immunol. 153: 1762-1768, 1994.

HEMOSTATIC AND THROMBOLYTIC ACTIVITY

A protein of the invention may also exhibit hemostatic or thrombolytic activity. As a result, such a protein is expected to be useful in treatment of various coagulation disorders (including hereditary disorders, such as hemophilias) or to enhance coagulation and other hemostatic events in treating wounds resulting from trauma, surgery or other causes. A protein of the invention may also be useful for dissolving or inhibiting formation of thromboses and for treatment and prevention of conditions resulting therefrom (such as, for example, infarction or stroke).

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assay for hemostatic and thrombolytic activity include, without limitation, those described in: Linet et al., J. Clin. Pharmacol. 26:131-140, 1986; Burdick et al., Thrombosis Res. 45:413-419, 1987; Humphrey et al., Fibrinolysis 5:71-79 (1991); Schaub, Prostaglandins 35:467-474, 1988.

RECEPTOR/LIGAND ACTIVITY

A protein of the present invention may also demonstrate activity as receptors, receptor ligands or inhibitors or agonists of receptor/ligand interactions. Examples of such receptors and ligands include, without limitation, cytokine receptors and their ligands, receptor kinases and their ligands, receptor phosphatases and their ligands, receptors involved in cell-cell interactions and their ligands (including without limitation, cellular adhesion molecules (such as selectins, integrins and their ligands) and receptor/ligand pairs involved in antigen presentation, antigen recognition and development of cellular and humoral immune responses). Receptors and ligands are also useful for screening of potential peptide or small molecule inhibitors of the relevant receptor/ligand interaction. A protein of the present invention (including, without limitation, fragments of receptors and ligands) may themselves be useful as inhibitors of receptor/ligand interactions.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for receptor-ligand activity include without limitation those described in:Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J.E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W.Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 7.28, Measurement of Cellular Adhesion under static conditions 7.28.1-7.28.22), Takai et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 84:6864-6868, 1987; Bierer et al., J. Exp. Med. 168:1145-1156, 1988; Rosenstein et al., J. Exp. Med. 169:149-160 1989; Stoltenborg et al., J. Immunol. Methods 175:59-68, 1994; Stitt et al., Cell 80:661-670, 1995.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A protein of the invention may also exhibit one or more of the following additional activities or effects: killing infectious agents, including, without limitation, bacteria, viruses, fungi and other parasites; effecting (suppressing or enhancing) bodily characteristics, including, without limitation, height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin or other tissue pigmentation, or organ size (such as, for example, breast augmentation or diminution); effecting the processing of dietary fat, protein or carbohydrate; effecting behavioral characteristics, including, without limitation, appetite, libido,

stress, cognition (including cognitive disorders), depression (including depressive disorders) and violent behaviors; providing analgesic effects or other pain reducing effects; promoting differentiation and growth of ebryonic stem cells in lineages other than hematopoietic lineages; and in the case of enzymes, correcting deficiencies of the enzyme and treating related diseases.

ADMINISTRATION AND DOSING

A protein of the present invention (from whatever source derived, including without limitation from recombinant and non-recombinant sources) may be used in a pharmaceutical composition when combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Such a composition may also contain (in addition to protein and a carrier) diluents, fillers, salts, buffers, stabilizers, solubilizers, and other materials well known in the art. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means a non-toxic material that does not interfere with the effectiveness of the biological activity of the active ingredient(s). The characteristics of the carrier will depend on the route of administration. The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may also contain cytokines, lymphokines, or other hematopoietic factors such as M-CSF, GM-CSF, TNF, IL-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IFN, TNF0, TNF1, TNF2, G-CSF, Meg-CSF, thrombopoietin, stem cell factor, and erythropoietin. The pharmaceutical composition may further contain other agents which either enhance the activity of the protein or compliment its activity or use in treatment. Such additional factors and/or agents may be included in the pharmaceutical composition to produce a synergistic effect with protein of the invention, or to minimize side effects. Conversely, protein of the present invention may be included in formulations of the particular cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent to minimize side effects of the cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent.

A protein of the present invention may be active in multimers (e.g., heterodimers or homodimers) or complexes with itself or other proteins. As a result, pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may comprise a protein of the invention in such multimeric or complexed form.

The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may be in the form of a complex of the protein(s) of present invention along with protein or peptide antigens. The protein and/or peptide antigen will deliver a stimulatory signal to both B and T lymphocytes. B lymphocytes will respond to antigen through their surface immunoglobulin receptor. T lymphocytes will respond to antigen through the T cell receptor (TCR) following presentation of the antigen by MHC proteins. MHC and structurally related proteins including those encoded by class I and class II MHC genes on host cells will serve to present the peptide antigen(s) to T lymphocytes. The antigen components could also be supplied as purified MHC-peptide complexes alone or with co-stimulatory molecules that can directly signal T cells. Alternatively antibodies able to bind surface immunolgobulin and other molecules on B cells as well as antibodies able to bind the TCR and other molecules on T cells can be combined with the pharmaceutical compositon of the invention.

The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may be in the form of a liposome in which protein of the present invention is combined, in addition to other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, with amphipathic agents such as lipids which exist in aggregated form as micelles, insoluble monolayers, liquid crystals, or lamellar layers in aqueous solution. Suitable lipids for liposomal formulation include, without limitation, monoglycerides, diglycerides, sulfatides, lysolecithin, phospholipids, saponin, bile acids, and the like. Preparation of such liposomal formulations is within the level of skill in the art, as disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 4,235,871; U.S. Patent No. 4,501,728; U.S. Patent No. 4,837,028; and U.S. Patent No. 4,737,323, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" means the total amount of each active component of the pharmaceutical composition or method that is sufficient to show a meaningful patient benefit, i.e., treatment, healing, prevention or amelioration of the relevant medical condition, or an increase in rate of treatment, healing, prevention or amelioration of such conditions. When applied to an individual active ingredient, administered alone, the term refers to that ingredient alone. When applied to a combination, the term refers to combined amounts of the active ingredients that result in the therapeutic effect, whether administered in combination, serially or simultaneously.

In practicing the method of treatment or use of the present invention, a therapeutically effective amount of protein of the present invention is administered to a mammal having a condition to be treated. Protein of the present invention may be administered in accordance with the method of the invention either alone or in combination with other therapies such as treatments employing cytokines, lymphokines or other hematopoietic factors. When co-administered with one or more cytokines, lymphokines or other hematopoietic factors, protein of the present invention may be administered either simultaneously with the cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors, or sequentially. If administered sequentially, the attending physician will decide on the appropriate sequence of administering protein of the present invention in combination with cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors.

Administration of protein of the present invention used in the pharmaceutical composition or to practice the method of the present invention can be carried out in a variety of conventional ways, such as oral ingestion, inhalation, or cutaneous, subcutaneous, or intravenous injection. Intravenous administration to the patient is preferred.

When a therapeutically effective amount of protein of the present invention is administered orally, protein of the present invention will be in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, solution or elixir. When administered in tablet form, the pharmaceutical composition of the invention may additionally contain a solid carrier such as a gelatin or an adjuvant. The tablet, capsule, and powder contain from about 5 to 95% protein of the present invention, and preferably from about 25 to 90% protein of the present invention. When administered in liquid form, a liquid carrier such as water, petroleum, oils of animal or plant origin such as peanut oil, mineral oil, soybean oil, or sesame oil, or synthetic oils may be added. The liquid form of the pharmaceutical composition may further contain physiological saline solution, dextrose or other saccharide solution, or glycols such as ethylene glycol, propylene glycol or polyethylene glycol. When administered in liquid form, the pharmaceutical composition contains from about 0.5 to 90% by weight of protein of the present invention, and preferably from about 1 to 50% protein of the present invention.

When a therapeutically effective amount of protein of the present invention is administered by intravenous, cutaneous or subcutaneous injection, protein of the present invention will be in the form of a pyrogen-free, parenterally acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such parenterally acceptable protein solutions, having due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability, and the like, is within the skill in the art. A preferred pharmaceutical composition for intravenous, cutaneous, or subcutaneous injection should contain, in addition to protein of the present invention, an isotonic vehicle such as Sodium Chloride Injection, Ringer's Injection, Dextrose Injection, Dextrose and Sodium Chloride Injection, Lactated Ringer's Injection, or other vehicle as known in the art. The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention may also contain stabilizers, preservatives, buffers, antioxidants, or other additives known to those of skill in the art.

The amount of protein of the present invention in the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will depend upon the nature and severity of the condition being treated, and on the nature of prior treatments which the patient has undergone. Ultimately, the attending physician will decide the amount of protein of the present invention with which to treat each individual patient. Initially, the attending physician will administer low doses of protein of the present invention and observe the patient's response. Larger doses of protein of the present invention may be administered until the optimal therapeutic effect is obtained for the patient, and at that point the dosage is not increased further. It is contemplated that the various pharmaceutical compositions used to practice the method of the present invention should contain about 0.01 µg to about 100 mg (preferably about 0.1µg to about 10 mg, more preferably about 0.1 µg to about 1 mg) of protein of the present invention per kg body weight.

The duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will vary, depending on the severity of the disease being treated and the condition and potential idiosyncratic response of each individual patient. It is contemplated that the duration of each application of the protein of the present invention will be in the range of 12 to 24 hours of continuous intravenous administration. Ultimately the attending physician will decide on the appropriate

duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention.

Protein of the invention may also be used to immunize animals to obtain polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies which specifically react with the protein. Such antibodies may be obtained using either the entire protein or fragments thereof as an immunogen. The peptide immunogens additionally may contain a cysteine residue at the carboxyl terminus, and are conjugated to a hapten such as keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). Methods for synthesizing such peptides are known in the art, for example, as in R.P. Merrifield, J. Amer.Chem.Soc. 85, 2149-2154 (1963); J.L. Krstenansky, *et al.*, FEBS Lett. 211, 10 (1987). Monoclonal antibodies binding to the protein of the invention may be useful diagnostic agents for the immunodetection of the protein. Neutralizing monoclonal antibodies binding to the protein may also be useful therapeutics for both conditions associated with the protein and also in the treatment of some forms of cancer where abnormal expression of the protein is involved. In the case of cancerous cells or leukemic cells, neutralizing monoclonal antibodies against the protein may be useful in detecting and preventing the metastatic spread of the cancerous cells, which may be mediated by the protein.

For compositions of the present invention which are useful for bone, cartilage, tendon or ligament regeneration, the therapeutic method includes administering the composition topically, systematically, or locally as an implant or device. When administered, the therapeutic composition for use in this invention is, of course, in a pyrogen-free, physiologically acceptable form. Further, the composition may desirably be encapsulated or injected in a viscous form for delivery to the site of bone, cartilage or tissue damage. Topical administration may be suitable for wound healing and tissue repair. Therapeutically useful agents other than a protein of the invention which may also optionally be included in the composition as described above, may alternatively or additionally, be administered simultaneously or sequentially with the composition in the methods of the invention. Preferably for bone and/or cartilage formation, the composition would include a matrix capable of delivering the protein-containing composition to the site of bone and/or cartilage damage, providing a structure for the developing bone and cartilage and optimally capable of being

resorbed into the body. Such matrices may be formed of materials presently in use for other implanted medical applications.

The choice of matrix material is based on biocompatibility, biodegradability, mechanical properties, cosmetic appearance and interface properties. The particular application of the compositions will define the appropriate formulation. Potential matrices for the compositions may be biodegradable and chemically defined calcium sulfate, tricalciumphosphate, hydroxyapatite, polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid and polyanhydrides. Other potential materials are biodegradable and biologically well-defined, such as bone or dermal collagen. Further matrices are comprised of pure proteins or extracellular matrix components. Other potential matrices are nonbiodegradable and chemically defined, such as sintered hydroxapatite, bioglass, aluminates, or other ceramics. Matrices may be comprised of combinations of any of the above mentioned types of material, such as polylactic acid and hydroxyapatite or collagen and tricalciumphosphate. The bioceramics may be altered in composition, such as in calcium-aluminate-phosphate and processing to alter pore size, particle size, particle shape, and biodegradability.

Presently preferred is a 50:50 (mole weight) copolymer of lactic acid and glycolic acid in the form of porous particles having diameters ranging from 150 to 800 microns. In some applications, it will be useful to utilize a sequestering agent, such as carboxymethyl cellulose or autologous blood clot, to prevent the protein compositions from disassociating from the matrix.

A preferred family of sequestering agents is cellulosic materials such as alkylcelluloses (including hydroxyalkylcelluloses), including methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose, and carboxymethylcellulose, the most preferred being cationic salts of carboxymethylcellulose (CMC). Other preferred sequestering agents include hyaluronic acid, sodium alginate, poly(ethylene glycol), polyoxyethylene oxide, carboxyvinyl polymer and poly(vinyl alcohol). The amount of sequestering agent useful herein is 0.5-20 wt%, preferably 1-10 wt% based on total formulation weight, which represents the amount necessary to prevent desorbtion of the protein from the polymer matrix and to provide appropriate handling of the composition, yet not so much that the progenitor cells are prevented from infiltrating the matrix, thereby

providing the protein the opportunity to assist the osteogenic activity of the progenitor cells.

In further compositions, proteins of the invention may be combined with other agents beneficial to the treatment of the bone and/or cartilage defect, wound, or tissue in question. These agents include various growth factors such as epidermal growth factor (EGF), platelet derived growth factor (PDGF), transforming growth factors (TGF-α and TGF-β), and insulin-like growth factor (IGF).

The therapeutic compositions are also presently valuable for veterinary applications. Particularly domestic animals and thoroughbred horses, in addition to humans, are desired patients for such treatment with proteins of the present invention.

The dosage regimen of a protein-containing pharmaceutical composition to be used in tissue regeneration will be determined by the attending physician considering various factors which modify the action of the proteins, e.g., amount of tissue weight desired to be formed, the site of damage, the condition of the damaged tissue, the size of a wound, type of damaged tissue (e.g., bone), the patient's age, sex, and diet, the severity of any infection, time of administration and other clinical factors. The dosage may vary with the type of matrix used in the reconstitution and with inclusion of other proteins in the pharmaceutical composition. For example, the addition of other known growth factors, such as IGF I (insulin like growth factor I), to the final composition, may also effect the dosage. Progress can be monitored by periodic assessment of tissue/bone growth and/or repair, for example, X-rays, histomorphometric determinations and tetracycline labeling.

Polynucleotides of the present invention can also be used for gene therapy. Such polynucleotides can be introduced either *in vivo* or *ex vivo* into cells for expression in a mammalian subject. Polynucleotides of the invention may also be administered by other known methods for introduction of nucleic acid into a cell or organism (including, without limitation, in the form of viral vectors or naked DNA).

Cells may also be cultured *ex vivo* in the presence of proteins of the present invention in order to proliferate or to produce a desired effect on or activity in such cells. Treated cells can then be introduced *in vivo* for therapeutic purposes.

Patent and literature references cited herein are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

(i) APPLICANT: Jacobs, Kenneth
McCoy, John
Kelleher, Kerry
Carlin, McKeough

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

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(A) LENGTH: 470 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 52..2034

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 661 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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Leu Ile Phe Met Ala Glu Thr Ser Leu Asn Gly Pro Lys Ser Leu Lys
115 120 125

His Leu Phe Leu Ile Gln Thr Gly Ile Ser Asn Leu Glu Phe Ile Pro
130 135 140

Val His Asn Leu Glu Asn Leu Glu Ser Leu Tyr Leu Gly Ser Asn His
145 150 155 160

Ile Ser Ser Ile Lys Phe Pro Lys Asp Phe Pro Ala Arg Asn Leu Lys
165 170 175

Val Leu Asp Phe Gln Asn Asn Ala Ile His Tyr Ile Ser Arg Glu Asp
180 185 190

Met Arg Ser Leu Glu Gln Ala Ile Asn Leu Ser Leu Asn Phe Asn Gly

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        195                 200                 205

Asn Asn Val Lys Gly Ile Glu Leu Gly Ala Phe Asp Ser Thr Val Phe
    210                 215                 220

Gln Ser Leu Asn Phe Gly Gly Thr Pro Asn Leu Ser Val Ile Phe Asn
225                 230                 235                 240

Gly Leu Gln Asn Ser Thr Thr Gln Ser Leu Trp Leu Gly Thr Phe Glu
                245                 250                 255

Asp Ile Asp Asp Glu Asp Ile Ser Ser Ala Met Leu Lys Gly Leu Cys
            260                 265                 270

Glu Met Ser Val Glu Ser Leu Asn Leu Gln Glu His Arg Phe Ser Asp
        275                 280                 285

Ile Ser Ser Thr Thr Phe Gln Cys Phe Thr Gln Leu Gln Glu Leu Asp
    290                 295                 300

Leu Thr Ala Thr His Leu Lys Gly Leu Pro Ser Gly Met Lys Gly Leu
305                 310                 315                 320

Asn Leu Leu Lys Lys Leu Val Leu Ser Val Asn His Phe Asp Gln Leu
                325                 330                 335

Cys Gln Ile Ser Ala Ala Asn Phe Pro Ser Leu Thr His Leu Tyr Ile
            340                 345                 350

Arg Gly Asn Val Lys Lys Leu His Leu Gly Val Gly Cys Leu Glu Lys
        355                 360                 365

Leu Gly Asn Leu Gln Thr Leu Asp Leu Ser His Asn Asp Ile Glu Ala
    370                 375                 380

Ser Asp Cys Cys Ser Leu Gln Leu Lys Asn Leu Ser His Leu Gln Thr
385                 390                 395                 400

Leu Asn Leu Ser His Asn Glu Pro Leu Gly Leu Gln Ser Gln Ala Phe
                405                 410                 415

Lys Glu Cys Pro Gln Leu Glu Leu Leu Asp Leu Ala Phe Thr Arg Leu
            420                 425                 430

His Ile Asn Ala Pro Gln Ser Pro Phe Gln Asn Leu His Phe Leu Gln
        435                 440                 445

Val Leu Asn Leu Thr Tyr Cys Phe Leu Asp Thr Ser Asn Gln His Leu
    450                 455                 460

Leu Ala Gly Leu Pro Val Leu Arg His Leu Asn Leu Lys Gly Asn His
465                 470                 475                 480

Phe Gln Asp Gly Thr Ile Thr Lys Thr Asn Leu Leu Gln Thr Val Gly
                485                 490                 495

Ser Leu Glu Val Leu Ile Leu Ser Ser Cys Gly Leu Leu Ser Ile Asp
            500                 505                 510

Gln Gln Ala Phe His Ser Leu Gly Lys Met Ser His Val Asp Leu Ser
        515                 520                 525

His Asn Ser Leu Thr Cys Asp Ser Ile Asp Ser Leu Ser His Leu Lys
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     530                 535                 540

Gly Ile Tyr Leu Asn Leu Ala Ala Asn Ser Ile Asn Ile Ile Ser Pro
545                 550                 555                 560

Arg Leu Leu Pro Ile Leu Ser Gln Gln Ser Thr Ile Asn Leu Ser His
                565                 570                 575

Asn Pro Leu Asp Cys Thr Cys Ser Asn Ile His Phe Leu Thr Trp Tyr
            580                 585                 590

Lys Glu Asn Leu His Lys Leu Glu Gly Ser Glu Glu Thr Thr Cys Ala
        595                 600                 605

Asn Pro Pro Ser Leu Arg Gly Val Lys Leu Ser Asp Val Lys Leu Ser
    610                 615                 620

Cys Gly Ile Thr Ala Ile Gly Ile Phe Phe Leu Ile Val Phe Leu Leu
625                 630                 635                 640

Leu Leu Ala Ile Leu Leu Phe Phe Ala Val Lys Tyr Leu Leu Arg Trp
                645                 650                 655

Lys Tyr Gln His Ile
            660
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 588 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 76..474

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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AACTCAACCA CAATC ATG GCT CAG ATG ATG ACT CTG AGC CTC CTT AGC CTG      111
                 Met Ala Gln Met Met Thr Leu Ser Leu Leu Ser Leu
                   1               5                  10

GTC CTG GCT CTC TGC ATC CCC TGG ACC CAA GGC AGT GAT GGA GGG GGT      159
Val Leu Ala Leu Cys Ile Pro Trp Thr Gln Gly Ser Asp Gly Gly Gly
          15                  20                  25

CAG GAC TGC TGC CTT AAG TAC AGC CAG AAG AAA ATT CCC TAC AGT ATT      207
Gln Asp Cys Cys Leu Lys Tyr Ser Gln Lys Lys Ile Pro Tyr Ser Ile
      30                  35                  40

GTC CGA GGC TAT AGG AAG CAA GAA CCA AGT TTA GGC TGT CCC ATC CCG      255
Val Arg Gly Tyr Arg Lys Gln Glu Pro Ser Leu Gly Cys Pro Ile Pro
 45                  50                  55                  60
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GCA ATC CTG TTC TCA CCC CGG AAG CAC TCT AAG CCT GAG CTA TGT GCA        303
Ala Ile Leu Phe Ser Pro Arg Lys His Ser Lys Pro Glu Leu Cys Ala
                65                  70                  75

AAC CCT GAG GAA GGC TGG GTG CAG AAC CTG ATG CGC CGC CTG GAC CAG        351
Asn Pro Glu Glu Gly Trp Val Gln Asn Leu Met Arg Arg Leu Asp Gln
            80                  85                  90

CCT CCA GCC CCA GGG AAA CAA AGC CCC GGC TGC AGG AAG AAC CGG GGA        399
Pro Pro Ala Pro Gly Lys Gln Ser Pro Gly Cys Arg Lys Asn Arg Gly
        95                  100                 105

ACC TCT AAG TCT GGA AAG AAA GGA AAG GGC TCC AAG GGC TGC AAG AGA        447
Thr Ser Lys Ser Gly Lys Lys Gly Lys Gly Ser Lys Gly Cys Lys Arg
    110                 115                 120

ACT GAA CAG ACA CAG CCC TCA AGA GGA TAGCCCAGTA GCCCGCCTGG              494
Thr Glu Gln Thr Gln Pro Ser Arg Gly
125                 130

AGCCCAGGAG ATCCCCCACG AACTTCAAGC TGGGTGGTTC ACGGTCCAAC TCACAGGCAA      554

AGAGGGAGCT AGAAAACAGA CTCAGGAGCC GCTA                                  588
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 133 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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Met Ala Gln Met Met Thr Leu Ser Leu Leu Ser Leu Val Leu Ala Leu
  1               5                  10                  15

Cys Ile Pro Trp Thr Gln Gly Ser Asp Gly Gly Gly Gln Asp Cys Cys
            20                  25                  30

Leu Lys Tyr Ser Gln Lys Lys Ile Pro Tyr Ser Ile Val Arg Gly Tyr
        35                  40                  45

Arg Lys Gln Glu Pro Ser Leu Gly Cys Pro Ile Pro Ala Ile Leu Phe
    50                  55                  60

Ser Pro Arg Lys His Ser Lys Pro Glu Leu Cys Ala Asn Pro Glu Glu
65                  70                  75                  80

Gly Trp Val Gln Asn Leu Met Arg Arg Leu Asp Gln Pro Pro Ala Pro
                85                  90                  95

Gly Lys Gln Ser Pro Gly Cys Arg Lys Asn Arg Gly Thr Ser Lys Ser
            100                 105                 110

Gly Lys Lys Gly Lys Gly Ser Lys Gly Cys Lys Arg Thr Glu Gln Thr
        115                 120                 125

Gln Pro Ser Arg Gly
    130
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 966 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 67..348

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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ACAAAC ATG AGT GTG AAG GGC ATG GCT ATA GCC TTG GCT GTG ATA TTG          108
       Met Ser Val Lys Gly Met Ala Ile Ala Leu Ala Val Ile Leu
         1               5                  10

TGT GCT ACA GTT GTT CAA GGC TTC CCC ATG TTC AAA AGA GGA CGC TGT        156
Cys Ala Thr Val Val Gln Gly Phe Pro Met Phe Lys Arg Gly Arg Cys
 15                  20                  25                  30

CTT TGC ATA GGC CCT GGG GTA AAA GCA GTG AAA GTG GCA GAT ATT GAG        204
Leu Cys Ile Gly Pro Gly Val Lys Ala Val Lys Val Ala Asp Ile Glu
                 35                  40                  45

AAA GCC TCC ATA ATG TAC CCA AGT AAC AAC TGT GAC AAA ATA GAA GTG        252
Lys Ala Ser Ile Met Tyr Pro Ser Asn Asn Cys Asp Lys Ile Glu Val
             50                  55                  60

ATT ATT ACC CTG AAA GAA AAT AAA GGA CAA CGA TGC CTA AAT CCC AAA        300
Ile Ile Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Lys Gly Gln Arg Cys Leu Asn Pro Lys
         65                  70                  75

TCG AAG CAA GCA AGG CTT ATA ATC AAA AAA GTT GAA AGA AAG AAT TTT        348
Ser Lys Gln Ala Arg Leu Ile Ile Lys Lys Val Glu Arg Lys Asn Phe
     80                  85                  90

TAAAAATATC AAAACATATG AAGTCCTGGA AAAGGGCATC TGAAAAACCT AGAACAAGTT      408

TAACTGTGAC TACTGAAATG ACAAGAATTC TACAGTAGGA AACTGAGACT TTTCTATGGT      468

TTTGTGACTT TCAACTTTTG TACAGTTATG TGAAGGATGA AAGGTGGGTG AAAGGACCAA      528

AAACAGAAAT ACAGTCTTCC TGAATGAATG ACAATCAGAA TTCCACTGCC CAAAGGAGTC      588

CAACAATTAA ATGGATTTCT AGGAAAAGCT ACCTTAAGAA AGGCTGGTTA CCATCGGAGT      648

TTACAAAGTG CTTTCACGTT CTTACTTGTT GTATTATACA TTCATGCATT TCTAGGCTAG      708

AGAACCTTCT AGATTTGATG CTTACAACTA TTCTGTTGTG ACTATGAGAA CATTTCTGTC      768

TCTAGAAGTT ATCTGTCTGT ATTGATCTTT ATGCTATATT ACTATCTGTG GTTACAGTGG      828

AGACATTGAC ATTATTACTG GAGTCAAGCC CTTATAAGTC AAAAGCACCT ATGTGTCGTA      888
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AAGCATTCCT CAAACATTTA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA 948

AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA 966

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 94 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Met Ser Val Lys Gly Met Ala Ile Ala Leu Ala Val Ile Leu Cys Ala
1 5 10 15

Thr Val Val Gln Gly Phe Pro Met Phe Lys Arg Gly Arg Cys Leu Cys
20 25 30

Ile Gly Pro Gly Val Lys Ala Val Lys Val Ala Asp Ile Glu Lys Ala
35 40 45

Ser Ile Met Tyr Pro Ser Asn Asn Cys Asp Lys Ile Glu Val Ile Ile
50 55 60

Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Lys Gly Gln Arg Cys Leu Asn Pro Lys Ser Lys
65 70 75 80

Gln Ala Arg Leu Ile Ile Lys Lys Val Glu Arg Lys Asn Phe
85 90

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1354 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 75..356

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

TTCTACTCCT TCCAAGAAGA GCAGCAAAGC TGAAGTAGCA GCAACAGCAC CAGCAGCAAC 60

AGCAAAAAAC AAAC ATG AGT GTG AAG GGC ATG GCT ATA GCC TTG GCT GTG 110
Met Ser Val Lys Gly Met Ala Ile Ala Leu Ala Val
1 5 10

ATA TTG TGT GCT ACA GTT GTT CAA GGC TTC CCC ATG TTC AAA AGA GGA 158
Ile Leu Cys Ala Thr Val Val Gln Gly Phe Pro Met Phe Lys Arg Gly
15 20 25

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CGC TGT CTT TGC ATA GGC CCT GGG GTA AAA GCA GTG AAA GTG GCA GAT        206
Arg Cys Leu Cys Ile Gly Pro Gly Val Lys Ala Val Lys Val Ala Asp
     30                  35                  40

ATT GAG AAA GCC TCC ATA ATG TAC CCA AGT AAC AAC TGT GAC AAA ATA        254
Ile Glu Lys Ala Ser Ile Met Tyr Pro Ser Asn Asn Cys Asp Lys Ile
 45                  50                  55                  60

GAA GTG ATT ATT ACC CTG AAA GAA AAT AAA GGA CAA CGA TGC CTA AAT        302
Glu Val Ile Ile Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Lys Gly Gln Arg Cys Leu Asn
                 65                  70                  75

CCC AAA TCG AAG CAA GCA AGG CTT ATA ATC AAA AAA GTT GAA AGA AAG        350
Pro Lys Ser Lys Gln Ala Arg Leu Ile Ile Lys Lys Val Glu Arg Lys
            80                  85                  90

AAT TTT TAAAAATATC AAAACATATG AAGTCCTGGA AAAGGGCATC TGAAAAACCT         406
Asn Phe

AGAACAAGTT TAACTGTGAC TACTGAAATG ACAAGAATTC TACAGTAGGA AACTGAGACT      466

TTTCTATGGT TTTGTGACTT TCAACTTTTG TACAGTTATG TGAAGGATGA AAGGTGGGTG      526

AAAGGACCAA AAACAGAAAT ACAGTCTTCC TGAATGAATG ACAATCAGAA TTCCACTGCC      586

CAAAGGAGTC CAACAATTAA ATGGATTTCT AGGAAAAGCT ACCTTAAGAA AGGCTGGTTA      646

CCATCGGAGT TTACAAAGTG CTTTCACGTT CTTACTTGTT GTATTATACA TTCATGCATT      706

TCTAGGCTAG AGAACCTTCT AGATTTGATG CTTACAACTA TTCTGTTGTG ACTATGAGAA      766

CATTTCTGTC TCTAGAAGTT ATCTGTCTGT ATTGATCTTT ATGCTATATT ACTATCTGTG      826

GTTACAGTGG AGACATTGAC ATTATTACTG GAGTCAAGCC CTTATAAGTC AAAAGCACCT      886

ATGTGTCGTA AAGCATTCCT CAAACATTTT TTCATGCAAA TACACACTTC TTTCCCCAAA      946

TATCATGTAG CACATCAATA TGTAGGGAAA CATTCTTATG CATCATTTGG TTTGTTTTAT     1006

AACCAATTCA TTAAATGTAA TTCATAAAAT GTACTATGAA AAAAATTATA CGCTATGGGA     1066

TACTGGCAAC AGTGCACATA TTTCATAACC AAATTAGCAG CACCGGTCTT AATTTGATGT     1126

TTTTCAACTT TTATTCATTG AGATGTTTTG AAGCAATTAG GATATGTGTG TTTACTGTAC     1186

TTTTTGTTTT GATCCGTTTG TATAAATGAT AGCAATATCT TGGACACATT TGAAATACAA     1246

AATGTTTTTG TCTACCAAAG AAAAATGTTG AAAAATAAGC AAATGTATAC CTAGCAATCA     1306

CTTTTACTTT TTGTAATTCT GTCTCTTAGA AAAATACATA ATCTAATT                  1354
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 94 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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Met Ser Val Lys Gly Met Ala Ile Ala Leu Ala Val Ile Leu Cys Ala
 1               5                  10                  15

Thr Val Val Gln Gly Phe Pro Met Phe Lys Arg Gly Arg Cys Leu Cys
            20                  25                  30

Ile Gly Pro Gly Val Lys Ala Val Lys Val Ala Asp Ile Glu Lys Ala
        35                  40                  45

Ser Ile Met Tyr Pro Ser Asn Asn Cys Asp Lys Ile Glu Val Ile Ile
    50                  55                  60

Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Lys Gly Gln Arg Cys Leu Asn Pro Lys Ser Lys
65                  70                  75                  80

Gln Ala Arg Leu Ile Ile Lys Lys Val Glu Arg Lys Asn Phe
                85                  90
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 813 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 86..544

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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GGGAAGATAC ATTCACAGAA AGAGCTTCCT GCACAAAGTA AGCCACCAGC GCAACATGAC      60

AGTGAAGACC CTGCATGGCC CAGCC ATG GTC AAG TAC TTG CTG CTG TCG ATA      112
                            Met Val Lys Tyr Leu Leu Leu Ser Ile
                              1               5

TTG GGG CTT GCC TTT CTG AGT GAG GCG GCA GCT CGG AAA ATC CCC AAA      160
Leu Gly Leu Ala Phe Leu Ser Glu Ala Ala Ala Arg Lys Ile Pro Lys
 10                  15                  20                  25

GTA GGA CAT ACT TTT TTC CAA AAG CCT GAG AGT TGC CCG CCT GTG CCA      208
Val Gly His Thr Phe Phe Gln Lys Pro Glu Ser Cys Pro Pro Val Pro
                30                  35                  40

GGA GGT AGT ATG AAG CTT GAC ATT GGC ATC ATC AAT GAA AAC CAG CGC      256
Gly Gly Ser Met Lys Leu Asp Ile Gly Ile Ile Asn Glu Asn Gln Arg
            45                  50                  55

GTT TCC ATG TCA CGT AAC ATC GAG AGC CGC TCC ACC TCC CCC TGG AAT      304
Val Ser Met Ser Arg Asn Ile Glu Ser Arg Ser Thr Ser Pro Trp Asn
        60                  65                  70

TAC ACT GTC ACT TGG GAC CCC AAC CGG TAC CCC TCG GAA GTT GTA CAG      352
Tyr Thr Val Thr Trp Asp Pro Asn Arg Tyr Pro Ser Glu Val Val Gln
    75                  80                  85
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GCC CAG TGT AGG AAC TTG GGC TGC ATC AAT GCT CAA GGA AAG GAA GAC      400
Ala Gln Cys Arg Asn Leu Gly Cys Ile Asn Ala Gln Gly Lys Glu Asp
 90                  95                  100                 105

ATC TCC ATG AAT TCC GTT CCC ATC CAG CAA GAG ACC CTG GTC GTC CGG      448
Ile Ser Met Asn Ser Val Pro Ile Gln Gln Glu Thr Leu Val Val Arg
                110                 115                 120

AGG AAG CAC CAA GGC TGC TCT GTT TCT TTC CAG TTG GAG AAG GTG CTG      496
Arg Lys His Gln Gly Cys Ser Val Ser Phe Gln Leu Glu Lys Val Leu
            125                 130                 135

GTG ACT GTT GGC TGC ACC TGC GTC ACC CCT GTC ATC CAC CAT GTG CAG      544
Val Thr Val Gly Cys Thr Cys Val Thr Pro Val Ile His His Val Gln
        140                 145                 150

TAAGAGGTGC ATATCCACTC AGCTGAAGAA GCTGTAGAAA TGCCACTCCT TACCCAGTGC    604

TCTGCAACAA GTCCTGTCTG ACCCCCAATT CCCTCCACTT CACAGGACTC TTAATAAGAC    664

CTGCACGGAT GGAAACAGAA AATATTCACA ATGTATGTGT GTATGTACTA CACTTTATAT    724

TTGATATCTA AAATGTTAGG AGAAAAATTA ATATATTCAG TGCTAATATA ATAAAGTATT    784

AATAATTTAA AAATAAAAAA AAAAAAAAA                                      813
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

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Met Val Lys Tyr Leu Leu Leu Ser Ile Leu Gly Leu Ala Phe Leu Ser
 1               5                  10                  15

Glu Ala Ala Ala Arg Lys Ile Pro Lys Val Gly His Thr Phe Phe Gln
            20                  25                  30

Lys Pro Glu Ser Cys Pro Pro Val Pro Gly Gly Ser Met Lys Leu Asp
        35                  40                  45

Ile Gly Ile Ile Asn Glu Asn Gln Arg Val Ser Met Ser Arg Asn Ile
    50                  55                  60

Glu Ser Arg Ser Thr Ser Pro Trp Asn Tyr Thr Val Thr Trp Asp Pro
65                  70                  75                  80

Asn Arg Tyr Pro Ser Glu Val Val Gln Ala Gln Cys Arg Asn Leu Gly
                85                  90                  95

Cys Ile Asn Ala Gln Gly Lys Glu Asp Ile Ser Met Asn Ser Val Pro
            100                 105                 110

Ile Gln Gln Glu Thr Leu Val Val Arg Arg Lys His Gln Gly Cys Ser
        115                 120                 125

Val Ser Phe Gln Leu Glu Lys Val Leu Val Thr Val Gly Cys Thr Cys
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130 135 140

Val Thr Pro Val Ile His His Val Gln
145 150

What is claimed is:

1. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 38 to nucleotide 1447;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:1; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

2. A composition of claim 1 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

3. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 2.

4. The host cell of claim 3, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

5. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 3 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

6. A protein produced according to the process of claim 5.

7. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

8. The composition of claim 7, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 7.

10. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 8.

11. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 from nucleotide 52 to nucleotide 2034;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:4; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

12. A composition of claim 11 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

13. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 12.

14. The host cell of claim 13, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

15. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 13 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

16. A protein produced according to the process of claim 15.

17. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

18. The composition of claim 17, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 17.

20. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 18.

21. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 from nucleotide 76 to nucleotide 474;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:5; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

22. A composition of claim 21 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

23. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 22.

24. The host cell of claim 23, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

25. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 23 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

26. A protein produced according to the process of claim 25.

27. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

28. The composition of claim 27, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

29. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 27.

30. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 28.

31. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 from nucleotide 67 to nucleotide 348;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:7; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

32. A composition of claim 31 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

33. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 32.

34. The host cell of claim 33, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

35. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 33 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

36. A protein produced according to the process of claim 35.

37. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

38. The composition of claim 37, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

39. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 37.

40. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 38.

41. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 from nucleotide 75 to nucleotide 356;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:9; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

42. A composition of claim 41 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

43. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 42.

44. The host cell of claim 43, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

45. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 43 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

46. A protein produced according to the process of claim 45.

47. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

48. The composition of claim 47, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

49. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 47.

50. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 48.

51. A composition comprising an isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:11 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544;

(b) a polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:11 encoding a protein having biological activity;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12 having biological activity;

(e) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:11; and

(f) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(e).

52. A composition of claim 51 wherein said polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

53. A host cell transformed with a composition of claim 52.

54. The host cell of claim 53, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

55. A process for producing a protein, which comprises:

(a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 53 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the protein from the culture

56. A protein produced according to the process of claim 55.

57. A composition comprising a protein, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12; and

(b) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:12;

the protein being substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

58. The composition of claim 57, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

59. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with the protein of claim 57.

60. A method for preventing, treating or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 58.

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Nucleotide sequence as in Seq.ID:3 encoding polypeptide as in Seq.ID:4, fragments, compositions and potential therapeutical uses.

3) claims 21-30 totally.

Nucleotide sequence as in Seq.ID:5 encoding polypeptide as in Seq.ID:6, fragments, compositions and potential therapeutical uses.

4) claims 31-50 totally.

Nucleotide sequence as in Seq.ID:7/9 encoding polypeptide as in Seq.ID:8/10, fragments, compositions and potential therapeutical uses.

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